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SUBJECT:DEPARTMENT OF STATE PRESS BRIEFING, JULY 26, 1978

Q: CAN YOU TELL US ANYTHING ABOUT THE MEETING BETWEEN THE SECRETARY AND BISHOP MUZOREWA?

A: I HAVE A STATEMENT. "I MET THIS MORNING WITH BISHOP MUZOREWA, LONG A LEADER IN RHODESIA, AND CHAIRMAN OF THE UNITED AFRICAN NATIONAL COUNCIL OF RHODESIA, AND WE HAD A USEFUL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS." THIS IS THE SECRETARY OF STATE SPEAKING. "IN OUR MEETING, I STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF AN EARLY AGREEMENT BY ALL PARTIES TO MEET FOR ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS TO SEEK A LASTING AND PEACEFUL SOLUTION FOR RHODESIA. I EMPHASIZE THAT WE AND THE BRITISH BELIEVE THAT SUCH A MEETING OFFERS THE BEST HOPE FOR THE INITIATION
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OF A PROCESS LEADING TO INDEPENDENCE UNDER MAJORITY RULE."
I UNDERSTAND THAT THE BISHOP MAY HAVE HAD A FEW WORDS TO SAY

WHEN HE CAME OUT, WHICH I DON'T THINK TOO MUCH CONTRA-DICTS THIS.

Q: I NOTICED YOU PICKED UP THE BRITISH ROUND-TABLE DESCRIPTION. DOES THIS SPEAK TO THE WEIGHT WE WOULD GIVE THESE VARIOUS PARTIES.

A: TO BE VERY SPECIFIC, I AM NOT SURE THAT THE QUESTION OF REPRESENTATION, HOW YOU WEIGH IT, IS A DECIDED ISSUE. I AM NOT AWARE OF THE FACT THAT WE USED THIS PHRASEOLOGY. I KNOW THAT I HAVE ALSO BEEN GIVEN THE LATITUDE TO DISCUSS AN ALL-PARTIES CONFERENCE.

Q: IT IS INTERCHANGED WITH "ALL PARTIES."

A: I BELIEVE SO. THAT OTHER QUESTION OF REPRESENTATION IS NOT A RESOLVED QUESTION.

Q: WOULD YOU SAY, THAT BISHOP MUZOREWA APPRECIATED THE

SECRETARY'S EMPHASIS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF AN ALL-PARTIES
CONFERENCE?

A: I HAVE BEEN GIVEN A VERY QUICK FILL ON WHAT THE BISHOP
SAID. I THINK THE BISHOP PROBABLY SPOKE HIS OWN VIEWS WHEN
HE MET WITH SOME OF YOU.

Q: I AM WONDERING WHETHER MUZOREWA IS BRINGING ANY CHANGE,
ANY SHIFT, IN POSITION?

A: I THINK THE BISHOP WILL HAVE TO SPEAK FOR HIMSELF ON
THAT ONE.

Q: AT THE TIME THAT THE SECRETARY VISITED THERE, THE
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OPINION IN SOME OFFICIAL CIRCLES OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT
WAS THE SITUATION WAS GOING TO HAVE TO SIMMER FOR A WHILE
IN ORDER FOR ALL PARTIES TO BE CONVINCED THAT MAYBE THEY
NEEDED TO GET TOGETHER.

NOW, THAT HAS BEEN THREE AND A HALF MONTHS. DOES THE
DEPARTMENT FEEL THAT THE SITUATION IS ANY CLOSER TO BRING-
ING THEM TOGETHER NOW AS A RESULT OF ITS EFFORTS, OR AS A
RESULT OF DEVELOPMENTS IN RHODESIA?

A: I THINK THAT THE SECRETARY AT SOME FORUM SOMEWHERE IN
THE LAST COUPLE OF WEEKS HAS SUGGESTED THAT WE DO BELIEVE
WE ARE CLOSER TODAY THAN WE WERE A MONTH AGO TOWARD AN ALL
PARTIES CONFERENCE.

I WOULD NOT TRY TO PUT A DEADLINE ON THAT.

Q: AS A RESULT OF CHANGES INTERNALLY IN RHODESIA, OR
DETERIORATION OF THE SECURITY SITUATION, OR STEVE LOW'S
EFFORTS, OR WHAT ARE YOU PUTTING THIS ON?

A: I WOULDN'T TRY TO DESIGNATE ONE ELEMENT, BUT I WOULD
NOTE THAT STEVE HAS BEEN IN THAT AREA QUITE A WHILE, THOUGH

HE IS NOT THERE RIGHT THIS MOMENT.

Q: THE BISHOP SAID DOWNSTAIRS THOUGH THAT HE SAW NO POINT
AT THIS STAGE FOR AN ALL-PARTIES CONFERENCE.

A: YES. YOU WILL READ ME THE REST OF IT, WON'T YOU? HE
SAID "AT THIS STAGE, HE ALSO NOTED THAT IF SOMETHING --

Q: HE SAID "IF SOMEBODY CAME UP WITH A DRAMATICALLY GOOD
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REASON." HAVE YOU ANY SUGGESTIONS AS TO WHAT HE WAS REFERRING TO?

A. NO.

Q. WELL, AS A RESULT OF THIS MORNING'S TALK, DO YOU THINK THAT THE PROSPECTS ARE ANY BETTER FOR AN ALL PARTIES CONFERENCE?

A. I DON'T HAVE A CHARACTERIZATION OF HOW THE TIME-FRAME HAS BEEN ADVANCED OR NOT ADVANCED ON THE BASIS OF THIS. I THINK THE SECRETARY THOUGHT THAT IT WAS A USEFUL EXCHANGE. AND THE SECRETARY USED THOSE WORDS -- HE THOUGHT IT WAS A USEFUL EXCHANGE.

Q. ON A RELATED TOPIC, HAS SMITH BEEN GIVEN A VISA, OR HAS HE APPLIED FOR A VISA TO GO TO CHICAGO?

A. I AM NOT AWARE OF HIM HAVING APPLIED FOR A VISA.

Q. IS HE LIKELY TO BE GRANTED ONE IF HE DOES APPLY?

A. I WILL ANSWER THAT QUESTION WHEN HE APPLIES FOR ONE.

Q. CAN YOU LAY OUT THE SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE FOR THE NEXT FEW DAYS?

A. VERY IMPERFECTLY. I THINK THAT WHEN HE FIRST GETS TO NEW YORK HE WILL BE MEETING WITH MEMBERS OF THE UN -- YOU KNOW, IMMEDIATE STAFF -- JUST FOR A QUICK RUN-THROUGH. I THINK HE HAS HOPES OF MEETING WITH THE WESTERN CONTACT GROUP LATER IN THE AFTERNOON. BEYOND THAT --

Q. AT WHAT LEVEL?

A. I THINK AT THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL. BUT LET ME TELL YOU
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SOMETHING. THIS IS A VERY FLUID SITUATION. PIK GETS IN ABOUT EARLY -- WELL, HE'LL BE GETTING IN SOON, THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF SOUTH AFRICA. THERE ISN'T A SCHEDULED MEETING THAT I KNOW OF RIGHT NOW.

Q. THE OTHER DAY YOU SAID YOU HAD NO COMMENT ON THE VARIOUS ALTERNATIVES BEING OFFERED TO THE HELMS AMENDMENT,

BUT NOW THAT THE VOTE IS ABOUT TO OCCUR HAVE YOU ANY --

A. NO.

Q. -VIEWS ON THE CASE/JAVITS SUGGESTION?

A. LOOK, OUR GENERAL POSITION IS THAT THE HELMS AMENDMENT

IS A BAD AND UNNECESSARY AND SELF-DEFEATING AMENDMENT
WHICH WOULD BE DESTRUCTIVE TO OUR POLICY POSITIONS AND TO
THE OBJECTIVES I THINK THAT WE ALL SHARE.

Q. YOU'RE AGAINST IT.

A. I WAS TRYING TO FILL UP A SPACE BETWEEN NOT ANSWERING
THE REAL QUESTION -- WHICH IS DO I HAVE A POSITION TO
OFFER ON OTHER AMENDMENTS -- AND MY POSITION IS THE SAME
AS YESTERDAY'S: NO. CHRISTOPHER

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